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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION CONFUSED

1. PROVISIONAL IRA CEASEFIRE BELIEVED STILL HOLDING
THROUGHOUT PROVINCE DESPITE RASH SHOOTINGS AND BOMBINGS
BELFAST AREA OVER PAST WEEKEND. THERE NO RPT NO
DISCERNIBLE PATTERN THESE INCIDENTS. TWO BOMBS AND TWO
SHOOTING INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN PREDOMINANTLY PROTESTANT
OLDPARK AREA WHILE THERE SEVERAL KNEE CAPPINGS OR OTHER
APPARENT PUNISHMENT SHOOTINGS WITH CATHOLIC VICTIMS. TWO
INCIDENTS MAY HAVE BEEN SECTARIAN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.

2. PROTESTANT PARAMILITARIES PRIMARILY MEMBERS ULSTER
DEFENCE ASSOCIATION (UDA) UNDER UMBRELLA UNITED LOYALIST
CENTRAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (ULCCC) CONTINUE PATROLLING
LOYALIST AREAS BELFAST, LARNE, LISBURN AND CARRICKFERGUS.
THERE ARE FOOT PATROLS UNTIL MIDNIGHT AND VEHICLE PATROLS
AFTER. POWERFUL ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) HAS DECLINED
PARTICIPATE IN URBAN PATROLS AND HAS STATED THERE CAN BE
NO RPT NO PRIVATE POLICE FORCE ORGANIZED ALONG SECTARIAN
OR OTHER DIVISIVE LINES. UVF HOWEVER REPORTEDLY DISTURBED
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BY SECURITY SITUATION RURAL AREAS POSED BY ARMY LOW PROFILE

AND HAS BEGUN PATROLLING BORDER AREAS TYRONE, FERMANAGH AND LONDONDERRY.

3. ULCCC SENDING EIGHT-MAN DELEGATION AGAIN PRIMARILY UDA REPRESENTATIVES UNDER CHAIRMAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE ASSEMBLYMAN GLENN BARR TO LONDON MARCH 4 TO LOBBY AT WESTMINSTER. THERE APPARENTLY NO RPT NO MEETING ARRANGED WITH PRIME MINISTER WILSON BUT DELEGATION HOPES MEET WITH SHADOW SECRETARY NEAVE AS WELL AS SECSTATE REES.

4. LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO GIVING GOOD COVERAGE TO SPEECH LONDONDERRY BISHOP DR. EDWARD DALY AT ANNIVERSARY ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MONTCLAIR NEW JERSEY MARCH 2. BISHOP REPORTEDLY CONDEMNED VIOLENCE AS VEHICLE CHANGE IRELAND, DEPLOYED INACCURACY 'PROPAGANDA' DISSEMINATED IN UNITED STATES BY BRITISH NEWS SOURCES AND BY IRISH-AMERICAN PRESS AND STRESSES MONEY SENT FROM NORTH AMERICA TO BOTH IRA AND PROTESTANT PARAMILITARY FORCES CAUSING GREAT ANXIETY AND SORROW AMONG ORDINARY PEOPLE IN BOTH PARTS IRELAND. IT BELIEVED BISHOP DALY ONLY FIRST OF SEVERAL PROMINENT MEMBERS LOCAL ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY WHO WILL DELIVER SIMILAR MESSAGES IN UNITED STATES.

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